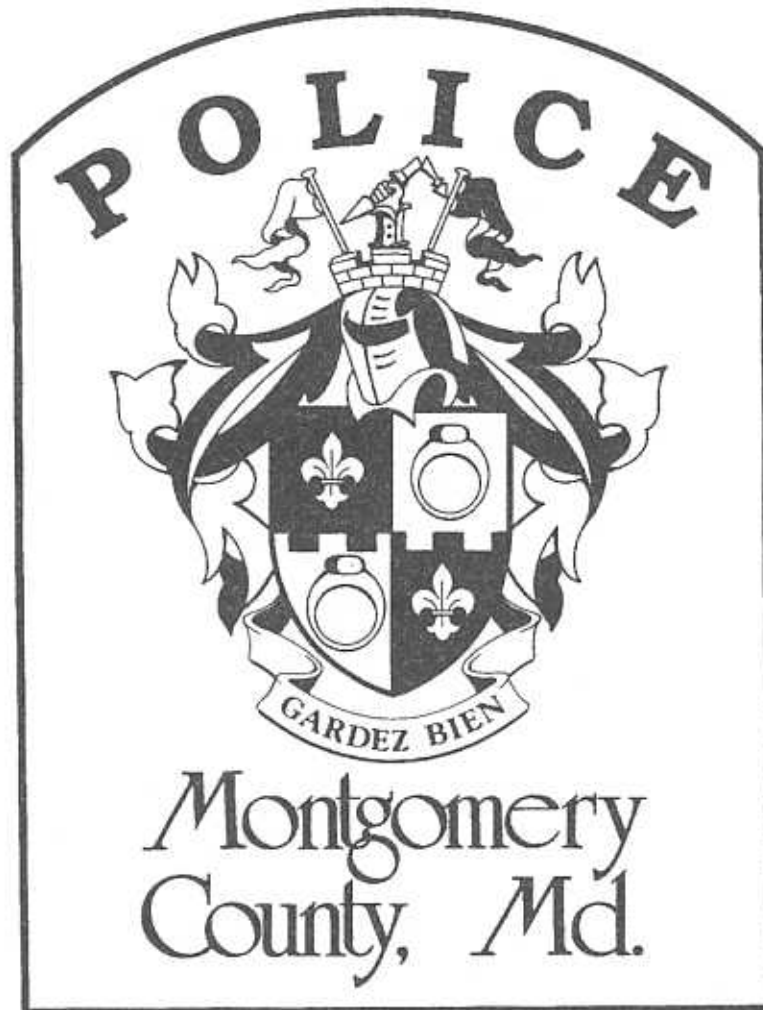


Montgomery County Department of Police



**Six Month Crime Report
1st Half 2002**



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Overall Crime in the First Six Months of 2002 Increased Slightly Over the Same Period in 2001

Today Montgomery County Chief of Police Charles A. Moose announced a 4.2% increase in overall total crime in the first six months of 2002 as compared to that same period in 2001. Part I crimes were up 13.3% and Part II crimes were down 1% as compared to the first six months of 2001.

Part I crimes are defined as murders, rapes, robberies, aggravated assaults, burglaries, larcenies, and auto thefts. Part II crimes include minor assaults, arson, vandalism, weapons, narcotic drug law violations, family offenses, juvenile offenses, and disorderly conduct. Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) statistics for the first six months of 2002, as compared to the same period last year reveal:

- Total Crime increased by 4.2%
- Murders increased by 100%
- Rape incidents increased by 28.1%
- Robberies increased by 23.1%
- Aggravated Assaults increased by 14.8%
- Burglaries increased by 29%
- Larcenies increased by 8.5%
- Auto thefts increased by 23.3%
- Total Part I Crime increased by 13.3%
- Total Part II Crime decreased by 1%

The number of murders increased from 6 to 12, the number of rape incidents increased from 64 to 82, and the number of robberies increased from 347 to 427. Aggravated assaults increased from 385 to 442, burglaries increased from 1,457 to 1,880, and larcenies increased from 8,757 to 9,497. Auto thefts also increased from 1,383 to 1,705.

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In making this announcement Chief Moose expresses concern about the continued increase in crime. This increase appears to be a regional phenomenon. Chief Moose commented: "I want to assure citizens that Montgomery County is still a relatively safe community. We are pleased that our citizens are still reporting incidents and actively working with the men and women of our police department. However, now more than ever before, we need to continue to build the partnership between the police and our communities. There is much more we can all do to prevent crime, and it is only by working together that we can keep our neighborhoods safe. Each of us must take personal responsibility in the fight against crime. Don't assume that someone else will report suspicious or criminal activity. Call 911 to report a crime in progress, and use the non-emergency number 301-279-8000 to report suspicious activity.

October is National Crime Prevention Month and crime prevention information is available on the Montgomery County Police website, www.co.mo.md.us/services/police. Crime prevention information will be featured in television, radio, and newspaper stories throughout the month. Become aware of all the safety practices that are available for preventing victimization from a variety of crimes. Remain assured that your police department, along with a strong commitment from your county government, is trained, equipped, and ready to provide an optimum level of service."

*** A copy of the January – June 2002 Crime Statistics is available at our website ***
at www.co.mo.md.us/services/police under the Crime Stats link on the Media Services / Press Release page, or a copy can be picked up at Montgomery County Police Headquarters, 2350 Research Boulevard, Rockville, Maryland.

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Comparison Study of Offenses January 1 - June 30, 2002 - 2001

	2002	2001		2002	2001	
	Monthly	Monthly	% Change	Year To Date	Year To Date	% Change
Murder	3	0	N/C	12	6	100.0%
Forcible Rape	21	10	110.0%	82	64	28.1%
Stranger	(4)	(2)		(26)	(14)	
Known	(17)	(8)		(56)	(50)	
Robbery	61	55	10.9%	427	347	23.1%
Commercial	(8)	(13)		(77)	(85)	
Non - Commercial	(53)	(42)		(350)	(262)	
Aggravated Assault	82	69	18.8%	442	385	14.8%
Burglary	347	271	28.0%	1,880	1,457	29.0%
Residence	(257)	(202)		(1,294)	(1,037)	
Commercial	(81)	(56)		(536)	(382)	
School	(9)	(13)		(50)	(38)	
Larceny	1,725	1,676	2.9%	9,497	8,757	8.5%
Shoplifting	(219)	(209)		(1,264)	(1,219)	
Veh Related Theft	(847)	(778)		(4,664)	(3,824)	
From Buildings	(387)	(396)		(2,211)	(2,382)	
All Other Larcenies	(272)	(293)		(1,358)	(1,332)	
Auto Theft	281	281	0.0%	1,705	1,383	23.3%
Part I Total	2,520	2,362	6.7%	14,045	12,399	13.3%
*Crime Against Persons	106	79	34.2%	536	455	17.8%
*Crime Against Property	2,414	2,283	5.7%	13,509	11,944	13.1%
Minor Assaults	487	533	-8.6%	2,640	3,044	-13.3%
Arson	16	11	45.5%	74	72	2.8%
Vandalism	654	623	5.0%	3,311	3,277	1.0%
Weapons	20	22	-9.1%	209	179	16.8%
Narcotic Drug Laws	202	194	4.1%	1,483	1,951	-24.0%
Sale/Manufacture	(49)	(36)		(284)	(286)	
Possession/Use	(153)	(158)		(1,199)	(1,665)	
Family Offense	48	34	41.2%	242	255	-5.1%
Juvenile Offense	171	188	-9.0%	962	1,043	-7.8%
Disorderly Conduct	1,417	1,433	-1.1%	6,858	6,931	-1.1%
All Other Part II Offenses	1,060	931	13.9%	5,795	5,047	14.8%
Part II Total	4,075	3,969	2.7%	21,574	21,799	-1.0%
TOTAL CRIME	6,595	6,331	4.2%	35,619	34,198	4.2%
Assaults on Police Officer	27	39	-30.8%	168	202	-16.8%

* N/C - not calculable

*Please note the adjustment of rape offenses for the year 2000 affect the Part I and Total Crime statistics

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Comparison Study of Arrests January 1 - June 30, 2002 - 2001

Year To Date Criminal Arrest	2002	2001	% + -
Murder	13	7	85.7%
Rape	33	27	22.2%
Robbery	172	122	41.0%
Aggravated Assault	187	160	16.9%
Burglary	248	240	3.3%
Larceny	1,008	956	5.4%
Auto Theft	270	246	9.8%
Part I Total	1,931	1,758	9.8%
Minor Assaults	538	629	-14.5%
Arson	4	12	-66.7%
Vandalism	77	113	-31.9%
Weapons	190	168	13.1%
Narcotic Drug Laws	1,219	1,217	0.2%
Family Offense	9	14	-35.7%
Juvenile Offense	38	44	-13.6%
Disorderly Conduct	82	90	-8.9%
All Other Part II Offenses	1,907	2,015	-5.4%
Part II Total	4,064	4,302	-5.5%
TOTAL CRIME	5,995	6,060	-1.1%
*C/A/Persons	233	194	20.1%
*C/A/Property	1,698	1,564	8.6%

Criminal Arrests	2002	2001
Total Current Month	956	1,021
Total Year to Date	5,995	6,060
Male Current Month	790	846
Total Year to Date	4,901	4,941
Female Current Month	166	175
Total Year to Date	1,094	1,119
Under 18 Current Month	155	156
Total Under 18 YTD	1,010	1,069

Criminal Citations Issued	2002	2001
Total Current Month	401	406
Total Year to Date	2,101	2,251

Residents Arrests	2002	2001
Part I Classes	59.0%	55.2%
Robbery	68.6%	62.3%
Burglary	71.4%	68.6%
Auto Theft	53.0%	54.5%
Narcotics	77.3%	74.7%
Non-residents Arrests	2002	2001
Part I Classes	41.0%	44.8%
Robbery	31.4%	37.7%
Burglary	28.6%	31.4%
Auto Theft	47.0%	45.5%
Narcotics	22.7%	25.3%

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**PART I OFFENSES CLOSURE RATES COMPARISON STUDY
January 1 - June 30, 2002 - 2001**

PART I		Monthly	Monthly	Clearance Rate	Year To Date	Year To Date	Clearance Rate
CLASSES		Offenses	*Cases Cleared	%	Offenses	*Cases Cleared	%
Murder	2002	3	3	(100.0%)	12	12	(100.0%)
	2001	0	2	N/C	6	4	(66.7%)
Rape	2002	21	6	(28.6%)	82	41	(50.0%)
	2001	10	9	(90.0%)	64	42	(65.6%)
Robbery	2002	61	20	(32.8%)	427	103	(24.1%)
	2001	55	20	(36.4%)	347	106	(30.5%)
Aggravated Assault	2002	82	59	(72.0%)	442	255	(57.7%)
	2001	69	40	(58.0%)	385	222	(57.7%)
Burglary	2002	347	45	(13.0%)	1,880	304	(16.2%)
	2001	271	43	(15.9%)	1,457	298	(20.5%)
Larceny	2002	1,725	268	(15.5%)	9,497	1,416	(14.9%)
	2001	1,676	236	(14.1%)	8,757	1,459	(16.7%)
Auto Theft	2002	281	45	(16.0%)	1,705	216	(12.7%)
	2001	281	34	(12.1%)	1,383	219	(15.8%)
Total Part I	2002	2,520	446	(17.7%)	14,045	2,347	(16.7%)
	2001	2,362	384	(16.3%)	12,399	2,350	(19.0%)

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Motor Vehicle Collisions Study Report
January 1 - June 30, 2002 - 2001

MOTOR VEHICLE COLLISIONS HANDLED BY MCP	2002		2001	
	Monthly	Year to Date	Monthly	Year to Date
Fatal Collisions	1	27	8	23
Alcohol Related Fatal Collisions	1	4	2	3
Injury Collisions	434	2,490	476	2,664
Alcohol Related Injury Collisions	25	227	17	151
Property Damage Collisions	593	3,569	653	3,792
Hit & Run Collisions	177	952	177	1,009
All Collisions	1,028	6,086	1,137	6,479

MOTOR VEHICLE COLLISIONS FATALITIES	2002		2001	
	Monthly	Year To Date	Monthly	Year To Date
Operators	1	12	5	15
Passengers	1	8	4	10
Pedestrians	0	5	1	3
On Pedalcycles	0	1	0	0
On Motorcycles	0	3	1	2
All Victims	2	29	11	30

MOTOR VEHICLE COLLISIONS PERSONS INJURED	2002		2001	
	Monthly	Year To Date	Monthly	Year To Date
Occupants (inc. Operator & Passenger)	629	2,984	677	3,791
Pedestrians	14	94	40	183
Pedalcyclists(bicycles)	5	21	7	27
Motorcyclists	12	44	15	53

DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED ARRESTS	2002		2001	
	Monthly	Year To Date	Monthly	Year To Date
	236	1,641	242	1,726

TRAFFIC CITATIONS ISSUED	2002		2001	
	Monthly	Year To Date	Monthly	Year To Date
	7,046	54,718	10,058	52,614

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CRIME
BY DISTRICT

June 1 - June 30, 2002 - 2001

	1st District: Rockville		2nd District: Bethesda		3rd District: Silver Spring		4th District: Wheaton		5th District: Germantown		6th District: Mont Village	
	2002	2001	%	2002	2001	%	2002	2001	%	2002	2001	%
Murder	1	0	N/C	1	0	N/C	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0.0%
Rape	2	0	N/C	1	1	0.0%	5	3	66.7%	1	3	-66.7%
Robbery	8	8	12.5%	5	3	66.7%	17	11	54.5%	4	5	-20.0%
Agg. Assault	3	9	-66.7%	15	5	200.0%	14	11	27.3%	22	12	83.3%
Burglary	62	41	51.2%	64	65	-1.5%	61	31	96.8%	43	31	38.7%
Larceny	304	254	19.7%	278	321	-13.4%	284	266	6.0%	182	182	-15.8%
Auto Theft	31	28	10.7%	32	35	-8.6%	49	51	-3.9%	17	25	-32.0%
Part I	412	340	21.2%	398	430	-7.9%	573	479	19.6%	430	375	14.7%
Part II	721	681	5.9%	506	434	16.6%	789	749	5.2%	786	754	1.8%
Total Crime	1,133	1,021	11.0%	902	864	4.4%	1,362	1,228	10.9%	1,198	1,128	5.9%

Cumulative

January 1 - June 30, 2002 - 2001

	1st District: Rockville		2nd District: Bethesda		3rd District: Silver Spring		4th District: Wheaton		5th District: Germantown		6th District: Mont Village	
	2002	2001	%	2002	2001	%	2002	2001	%	2002	2001	%
Murder	1	1	0.0%	3	1	200.0%	5	2	150.0%	1	1	0.0%
Rape	7	8	-12.5%	3	3	0.0%	19	10	18.8%	22	13	69.2%
Robbery	51	51	0.0%	36	31	16.1%	136	115	20.0%	110	68	61.8%
Agg. Assault	51	42	21.4%	43	41	4.9%	96	95	1.1%	80	81	-1.2%
Burglary	348	222	55.9%	342	305	12.1%	400	274	46.0%	296	254	17.3%
Larceny	1,472	1,413	4.2%	1,768	1,671	2.2%	1,979	1,898	16.7%	1,635	1,412	15.8%
Auto Theft	205	120	70.8%	189	178	6.2%	592	423	40.0%	344	301	14.3%
Part I	2,133	1,857	14.9%	2,324	2,230	4.2%	3,229	2,621	23.2%	2,490	2,130	16.9%
Part II	3,757	3,804	4.2%	2,306	2,352	0.8%	4,342	4,635	-6.3%	4,103	4,080	0.6%
Total Crime	5,880	5,461	7.9%	4,680	4,582	2.4%	7,571	7,258	4.3%	6,593	6,210	6.2%

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ARRESTS
BY DISTRICT

June 1 - June 30, 2002 - 2001

	1st District: Rockville			2nd District: Bethesda			3rd District: Silver Spring			4th District: Wheaton			5th District: Germantown			6th District: Mont Village		
	2002	2001	%	2002	2001	%	2002	2001	%	2002	2001	%	2002	2001	%	2002	2001	%
Murder	1	1	0.0%	0	0	0.0%	0	1	-100.0%	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0.0%
Rape	1	2	-50.0%	1	2	-50.0%	3	1	200.0%	0	0	0.0%	1	1	0.0%	1	0	N/C
Robbery	-5	8	-37.5%	0	0	0.0%	5	9	-44.4%	0	4	125.0%	1	2	-50.0%	3	1	200.0%
Agg. Assault	11	4	175.0%	8	4	100.0%	9	7	28.6%	11	4	175.0%	4	1	300.0%	4	4	0.0%
Burglary	5	4	25.0%	3	11	-72.7%	1	6	-83.3%	12	13	-7.7%	8	12	-33.3%	4	5	-20.0%
Larceny	32	18	77.8%	35	35	0.0%	48	45	2.2%	31	31	0.0%	17	14	21.4%	18	28	-42.9%
Auto Theft	14	8	75.0%	5	0	N/C	14	22	-36.4%	12	17	-29.4%	4	4	0.0%	6	8	-25.0%
Part I	69	45	53.3%	52	52	0.0%	78	91	-14.3%	75	88	8.7%	35	34	2.9%	34	46	-26.1%
Part II	236	215	9.8%	58	58	-3.4%	108	142	-23.2%	72	94	-23.4%	87	95	-29.5%	73	80	-8.8%
Total Crime	305	260	17.3%	188	110	-1.8%	187	233	-18.7%	147	163	-9.8%	102	129	-20.9%	107	128	-15.1%

Cumulative

January 1 - June 30, 2001 - 2000

	*1st District: Rockville			2nd District: Bethesda			3rd District: Silver Spring			4th District: Wheaton			5th District: Germantown			6th District: Mount Village		
	2002	2001	%	2002	2001	%	2002	2001	%	2002	2001	%	2002	2001	%	2002	2001	%
Murder	6	4	50.0%	0	0	0.0%	7	2	250.0%	0	0	0.0%	0	1	-100.0%	0	0	0.0%
Rape	14	12	16.7%	1	2	-50.0%	5	4	25.0%	5	6	-16.7%	3	3	0.0%	5	0	N/C
Robbery	43	40	7.5%	2	5	-60.0%	46	40	20.0%	45	19	136.8%	18	14	14.3%	18	4	350.0%
Agg. Assault	51	29	75.9%	19	15	29.7%	41	56	-26.8%	25	25	0.0%	29	23	26.1%	22	12	83.3%
Burglary	34	48	-29.1%	35	40	-12.5%	61	54	13.0%	57	29	98.9%	33	52	-36.5%	28	19	47.4%
Larceny	208	177	17.5%	159	208	-23.0%	229	224	2.2%	172	145	18.6%	118	108	9.4%	124	98	29.2%
Auto Theft	59	59	0.0%	24	13	84.6%	61	58	6.0%	56	60	-6.7%	29	33	-12.1%	41	25	64.0%
Part I	415	387	13.1%	240	283	-15.2%	452	438	3.7%	380	284	26.8%	226	232	-2.6%	238	156	52.6%
Part II	1,515	1,641	-7.7%	374	324	15.4%	753	929	-18.9%	512	468	9.4%	511	925	-18.2%	399	315	26.7%
Total Crime	1,930	2,008	-3.9%	814	807	1.2%	1,205	1,385	-11.7%	872	752	16.0%	737	857	-14.0%	837	471	35.2%

Please note the elevated numbers are a result of Warrant Fugitive sections arrest by appointment at Rockville Station.



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Six Month Crime Report

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